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## Government shutdown: Congress holds last-minute votes to avert default



Pizza is being taken to John Boehner's office as the House speaker held talks with Republicans after the collapse of a deal to raise the government debt ceiling temporarily.

WASHINGTON—Lawmakers were poised to vote late last night on a bipartisan 11th-hour Senate deal to break the fiscal impasse in Washington and avert a historic debt default.

With the government's borrowing authority set to run out today, House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner said he would allow the deeply divided House to vote on the Senate plan for a short-term in-

crease in the debt limit and a government reopening.

The agreement would extend U.S. borrowing authority until Feb. 7, although the Treasury Department would have tools to temporarily extend its borrowing capacity beyond that date if Congress failed to act early next year.

The agreement also would fund government agencies until Jan. 15, ending a partial govern-

ment shutdown that began with the new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

Several House Republicans said Boehner's leadership position would not be at risk in the fallout. The speaker earned a standing ovation at an afternoon meeting of House Republicans, and Republican Representative John Fleming of Louisiana, a Tea Party activist, said Boehner's stock had risen because he "hung in there with us."

## Santa Rosa to celebrate International World Food Day



PIEDRA PLAT -- "October 16th is known worldwide as International World Food Day. The United Nations marked World Food Day yesterday saying it was possible to eradicate hunger and stressing the importance of cutting food waste and ensuring balanced diets. This year's theme is "Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition"

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and livestock is joining in the celebration of this important day. The next big Santa Rosa Market will be dedicated to this day.

On October 27th Santa Rosa will hold the next Market and will focus on the sale of products produced locally to benefit the local community.

One of the goals of Santa Rosa is for Aruba become dependent on local products for

the community. This can become possible only if the community unite and begin supporting the trade of agriculture.

Santa Rosa is working diligently on different products for local sustainability. The RWZI project and different cisterns around the island will support the agriculture sector greatly.

In view of the food dangers facing our world, Santa Rosa urges the community to begin to love the trade of Agriculture and Horticulture so as to avoid that in the near future our island suffers the negative consequences of the drastic increase in imported food prices.

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## October issue of Notirosa from Santa Rosa Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is now online

ORANJESTAD – The newest edition of Notirosa - The virtual magazine of the Aruba Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has been uploaded and is available to all its followers.

This month's edition has, among several articles, the story of the lost fisherman Crispino Semerel, recipes for making cheese at home, recipes using Guava fruit, including detailed nutritional values, advice on how consuming certain vegetables can help fight breast cancer, and much more.

Santa Rosa encourages all those interested in sustainable practices and healthy eating to visit the website [www.santarosa.aw](http://www.santarosa.aw) to enjoy the latest and archived editions of their highly informative publication, Notirosa



## Innovative and affordable wind harnessing technology worth a look



Bruce Wells shows how new PVC vanes improve efficiency

ORANJESTAD -- Those who attended the Green Aruba/ CREF renewable energy conference taking place last week attended many informative lectures and presentations, but most spare moments were spent looking over the innovative technologies being displayed in the accompanying marketplace. Because Aruba hosted this year's Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum, CREF, the event attracted a much larger number of international energy technology developers than usual. It was highly enlightening.

Here, companies that are in the forefront of developing methods of harnessing energy that can be produced by wind, solar, geothermal, and water temp source were displaying or explaining much of their state-of-the-art innovation. These companies have recognized the opportunities the movement towards renewable energy sources and preserving the environment present. Also, many of those attending were partic-



Dave Murphy shows off a space saving low profile windmill alternative

ularly mindful of the challenges island nations face in size limitation and storage capabilities, but still harboring an extreme interest in reducing oil dependence, so have modified their technology to particularly fit the limiting requirements of such an environment.

One booth that was attrac-

ideal for homes, and far less expensive than a set of solar panels producing the equivalent energy. They also have models designed for trucks and buses, street light stands and telecommunications towers.

Company Vice President Bruce Wells and Dave Murphy of Process Engineering traveled to Aruba to demonstrate their product and answer queries. They are very enthusi-

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ting quite some attention was that of EnerDynamic Hybrid Technologies Inc, out of Ontario, Canada. They have been developing a much more compact and efficient wind vane and turbine that would prove

astic about their new and simple wind turbine, which was able to turn at a quite a pace from only the slight breeze produced by a small desk fan set on the lowest setting.

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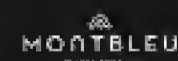
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## Gianni's hosts five days of food and wine seminars for wait staff



**Seminar presenters with organizer Zulay Duran and Maurizio Gianni**

ORANJESTAD -- Sixteen members of the on floor wait staff and restaurant management of Gianni's Italian restaurant in Palm Beach ended an enlightening five days of intensive morning seminars of wine and food pairing yesterday morning. Each staff member

received a Lucy Stella Certificate upon completion of the course.

Each day, experts from either of three island wine distributors or two agents of comestibles lectured the staffers on the fine art of pairing food and wines. Presenters were Osrick Quan-



**Zulay Duran Chief Bartender**

drus from Interpan, Govert van der Hout from Arion Wine, Ythamar Timp of Bix Brands Import, Glenn de Kaey of Aruba Trading, and Clive Faustin of Romar Trading.

During each day of the program, staffers ended the lessons with a selection from one of the many dishes on Gianni's menu, paired to wines supplied by the presenter of the day. "It was quite a challenge," reports Arion Wine President Govert van der Hout, "between the three companies we have a vast selection of vintages, but Gianni's also has a very extensive menu."

The ultimate goal of the exercise, organized by Gianni's Chief Bartender, Zulay Duran, was to qualify each of the wait staff to be properly versed on advising patrons on the best vintage to enhance their meal. Their suggestions can now be relied upon as not guesswork, but actual, practical testing as to the best pairings from a large selection of wines from all their suppliers, to truly offer



**Interpan Group with Gianni's Day Manager Jean Carlos.**

patrons the optimal dining experience.

The tasty, congenial educational experience ended with each day with a delectable gourmet meal, and finally the awarded of certificates of appreciation to those giving the

seminar, as well as certificates of achievement for all the staffers. They learned not only about wine-pairing, but also the quality ingredients imported for Gianni's kitchens, so as to be serve restaurant patrons in every way.

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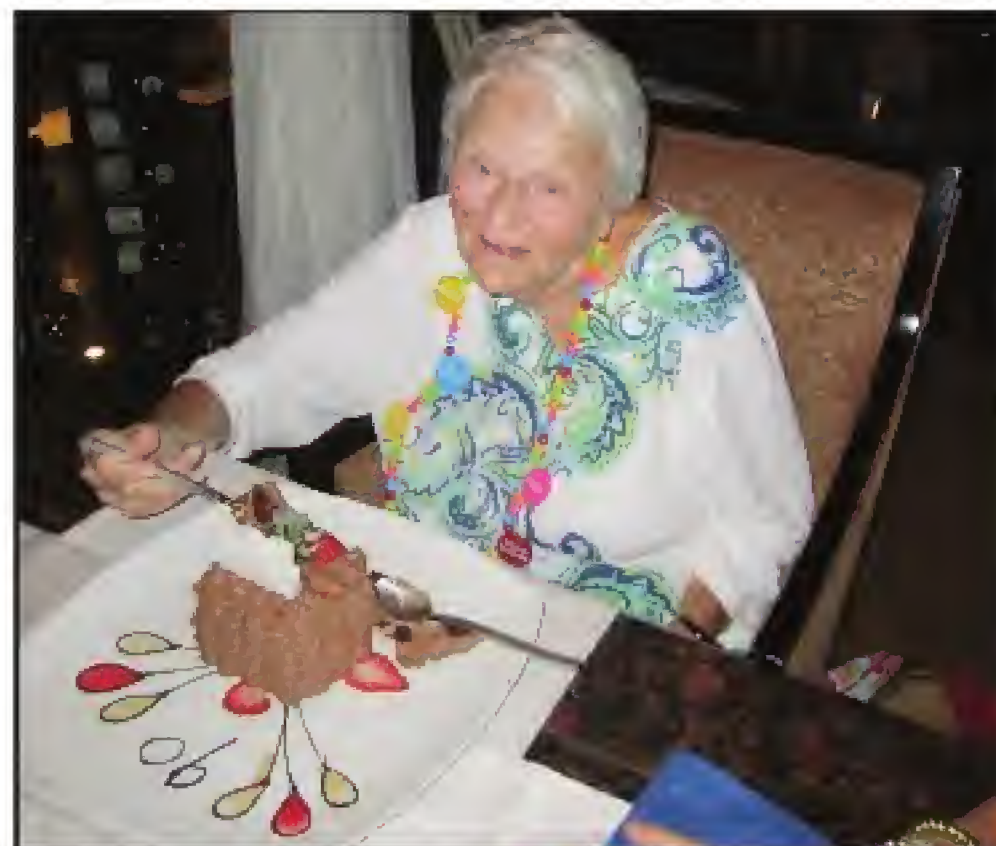
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## Thelma 90th birthday, at Windows on Aruba



## Consulado Ad Honorem del Ecuador visits Governor Refunjol

ORANJESTAD -- Well-respected tourism sales and marketing executive Mrs. Magali Guzman de Meza was appointed Consul ad Honorem of Ecuador in November of last year, and in February this year, she met with the Governor F.J. Refunjol for her official introduction.

Recently, in August 21st, 2013, she inaugurated the Consulate office, in her residence in Sabana Liber 13Q. Present at the inaugural event, the Ambassador from Ecuador in the Netherlands Mr. Miguel Calahorrano and the Counselor of the Embassy of Ecuador in the Netherlands Mr. Jose Luis Jacome, among many Ecuadorians, presently residing in Aruba.

The brief ceremony began with the National Anthem of Ecuador sang by the attendees, moved on the occasion of their National Flag raised in Aruba.

In his welcome address, the Ambassador reminded his audience that Ecuadorians are recognized world over as hard workers and responsible citizens, urging those who found a new home here in Aruba to be grateful for the opportunity and respectful of this land that received them with open arms.

The Consulate services are provided by appointment. Contact information: Magali Guzman Meza, Tel: 594 3842. For more information and services provided: [www.facebook.com/Consuladocuatoria-noenaruba](http://www.facebook.com/Consuladocuatoria-noenaruba)



ORANJESTAD -- Friends and family members congregated to celebrate Ms Thelma 90th birthday at Windows on Aruba, Divi Links. Daughter Janet Snyder orchestrated the festivities and also invited all of the family's local Aruban friends for the bash.

Pictured here, loving daughter Janet, her husband Bob, long time friends from the USA, Karol Sheibe who flew in for two days, especially for the occasion, Maureen,

Diana and her husband Bear, long time Aruban friends Ale and Rebecca, Tito, Mary, Franklin, Luchi, their son Nicky and Rona.

Both Thelma and Janet have been coming to Aruba for umpteen years and Thelma was recognized last year by the Aruba Tourism Authority as Goodwill Ambassador. The countdown for Thelma's 91st birthday here in Aruba, has just begun!



## Stellaris Casino one the 10 biggest Caribbean casinos



The Caribbean has a multitude of terrific casinos, and the vast majority of them are full-service, large-scale gaming Meccas. One of them is the Stellaris Casino at the Aruba Marriott Resort. Not only is the Stellaris the biggest casino on Aruba, it is also one of the region's 10 best.

(Source: Caribbean Journal)

## Innovative and affordable wind harnessing technology...

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Key features to the design are an innovated vane, which allows for a 100% capture of available wind from any direction, and a patented generator design which turns with much greater ease than traditional generators.

They demonstrated a variety of vertical axis wind turbines, "which provide a practical energy-generating alternative to grid assist and off-grid scenarios. The unit are highly efficient and superior in design to all current turbine technology."

Sized to easily fit on a house rooftop, varying sizes of turbine can be selected to provide the amount of KWH an individual household requires, with the overall small configuration of the vanes remaining the same. The representatives promise it would likely be a third of the cost of a solar panel arrangement that would provide equal energy. Also, they guarantee the durability of the equipment

for far longer than life of solar panels.

These small, efficient units do not produce the noise or vibration of standard windmills, and they come caged in a protective fencing to prevent birds from being harmed. They can be stacked in very low profile silos, they call "Energem silos", producing equivalent energy to a field of huge wind turbines, with a much smaller configuration that would not disfigure the overall landscape... this could have some very interesting implications for Aruba.

More can be learned about the Enerdynamic technology and they can be contacted through their website: <http://enerdynamic.com/>. For small islands such as Aruba, their innovative technology might be just the answer for households and industry where available space and cost is always an issue.

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## Augustino and Josephine Cammalleri honored at the La Cabana Beach Resort

ORANJESTAD -- Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority honored a very nice couple as Distinguished Visitor of Aruba. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years.

The honorees are Mr. Augustino and Mrs. Josephine Cammalleri from NY NY. Augustino and Josephine are Loyal members of the La Cabana. They always say that Aruba truly is One Happy Island and La Cabana is a wonderful Resort.

The Cammalleris, on his trip, brought their daughter Debbie and her husband An-



thony to get to know Aruba.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### eBay founder backs project to 'empower' journalists

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The founder of eBay, Pierre Omidyar, said yesterday he will back a project with investigative reporter Glenn Greenwald which "elevates and supports" journalists and "allows them to pursue the truth."

Omidyar said in a statement he is backing the media project, details of which are still being developed. It will be separate from his philanthropic efforts with Omidyar Network and Democracy Fund.

The announcement came a day after Greenwald, known for breaking many stories about US surveillance programs, announced he was leaving The Guardian for an unspecified "dream" job.

Omidyar, a French-born Iranian-American, cited his "growing interest to preserve and strengthen the role journalism plays in society," and noted that he "explored purchasing The Washington Post over the summer" before Amazon founder Jeff Bezos sealed a deal for the daily.

"That process got me thinking about what kind of social impact could be created if a similar investment was made in something entirely new, built from the ground up," he said in the statement.

"Something that I would be personally and directly involved in outside of my other efforts as a philanthropist."

Omidyar said he was still in "the very early stages of creating a new mass media organization. I don't yet know how or when it will be rolled out, or what it will look like."

But he added that "it will cover general interest news, with a core mission around supporting and empowering independent journalists across many sectors and beats."

"The team will build a media platform that elevates and supports these journalists and allows them to pursue the truth in their fields. This doesn't just mean investigative reporting, but all news," he said.

Omidyar said he contacted Greenwald "to find out what journalists like him need to do their jobs well" and discovered that he was set to start a project with colleagues Laura Poitras and Jeremy Seahill.

"We had a lot of overlap in terms of our ideas, and decided to join forces," Omidyar said.

New York University journalism professor Jay Rosen said on his blog that Omidyar told him the project would be "a company not a charity" and that he was prepared to invest at least \$250 million.

Omidyar ranks 47th among the world's richest individuals with a net worth of some \$8.5 billion, according to a ranking by Forbes magazine.

### 'Dozens dead' in Laos plane crash

BANGKOK (AFP) - A Lao Airlines plane carrying at least 44 people, about half of them foreigners, plunged into the Mekong River in southern Laos yesterday in bad weather killing everybody on board, officials said.

Seven French citizens, six Australians and five Thais were among those thought to have died when the turboprop ATR-72 came down around eight kilometres (five miles) from Pakse airport in Champasak province.

Citizens from some 10

countries were reported to have been on the flight from the capital Vientiane.

"I can now confirm, according to our reports, that all 44 people on board have died, including five Thai," Thai foreign ministry spokesman Sek Wannamethee told AFP.

He said there were 39 passengers and five crew on board.

The state-run Laos news agency KPL also said everyone on board was believed to have perished.

"The plane was about to

land but appeared to be hit by a strong wind, causing its head to ascend and pushing it away from the airport area and out of reach of the air traffic control radar," it quoted a witness as saying.

State-owned Lao Airlines said the aircraft hit "extreme" bad weather and had crashed into the Mekong.

"There were no news of survivors at this time," it said, giving a slightly different figure of 44 passengers and five crew. It did not confirm the number of deaths.

**This new picture from the VLT Survey Telescope (VST) at ESO's Paranal Observatory released on October 14, 2013 shows the remarkable super star cluster Westerlund 1 (eso1034). This exceptionally bright cluster lies about 16,000 light-years from Earth in the southern constellation of Ara (The Altar). The biggest known star in the cosmos is in its death throes and will eventually explode, astronomers said on October 16, 2013. W26 is becoming unstable and shedding its outer layers, a key step in the death process, according to the paper, published in the British journal Monthly Notices of Britain's Royal Astronomical Society (RAS).**



**AQUILA -- Olive Ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) arrive to spawn during a nesting at Ixtapilla beach, in Aquila municipality on the Pacific coast of Michoacan State, Mexico. According to the residents of the area, more than 1000 turtles are expected to arrive in the area daily this season.** (AFP PHOTO)

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## International News

### Senior Dutch diplomat beaten up in Russia



MOSCOW (AFP) - A senior Dutch diplomat at the Netherlands embassy in Moscow was beaten up at his home in the Russian capital by unknown attackers who scrawled the letters "LGBT" on a mirror with lipstick, officials said Wednesday.

The incident comes amid growing tensions between Russia and the Netherlands over the arrest by the Russian authorities of the 30 crew of a Dutch-flagged Greenpeace ship and the brief detention of a Russian diplomat in the Netherlands.

The flare-up between two states whose friendship dates back to Tsar Peter the Great's visits to learn the shipbuilding trade in the Netherlands is particularly embarrassing coming during a Russian-Dutch Bilateral Year aimed at promoting cultural ties.

The deputy head of the

Netherlands mission in Moscow, Onno Elderenbosch, was approached at his home by men who presented themselves as electricians and then beat him up, Russian news reports and officials said.

The intruders who broke into his flat took nothing but scrawled in pink lipstick the letters LGBT (standing for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) and a drawing of a heart, the Interfax news agency and lifenews.ru website quoted a security source as saying.

The diplomat, 60, was not badly harmed and did not seek medical attention, the reports added.

The Russian Investigative Committee, which handles criminal probes into major crimes, confirmed that a Dutch citizen had been attacked on Tuesday evening.

It said in a statement that the intruders had bound the diplomat with tape and later fled the scene. A criminal inquiry has been opened into an illegal break-in.

The Russian foreign ministry expressed regret over the "sad incident" and said the Russian security forces were doing everything to detain the individuals behind the attack.

Dutch Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans confirmed the attack on his Facebook page, saying that Elderenbosch was assaulted by two intruders. He said he had called the diplomat, who was now doing fine.

Timmermans added that he was summoning the Russian ambassador for explanations over attack on Elderenbosch, who is the number two diplomat at the embassy in Moscow.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte told reporters in the Netherlands that the incident was serious but emphasized "it is very important to work out what happened step by step".

He declined to say whether the attack would affect a visit to Russia by Dutch King Willem-Alexander and his wife Maxima planned in November to mark the end of the Russian-Dutch year.

### Dutch official to head Syria chemical arms mission

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United Nations on Wednesday named Dutch official Sigrid Kaag to head the risky international mission to eradicate Syria's chemical weapons.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon also said he was stepping up efforts to convene a Syria peace conference, sending his special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi to the region for talks with key governments.

Kaag, a UN assistant secretary general who speaks Arabic and has wide Middle East experience, will head a joint UN-Organization for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons mission to destroy Syria's poison arms.

The UN Security Council has set a deadline of mid-2014 for the mission, but experts say the approximately 100-strong team to be assembled faces an uphill struggle in the conflict stricken country.

About 60 experts are already in Syria dismantling its arms production and chemical



mixing facilities.

But, with about 1,000 tonnes of chemicals to be destroyed, no disarmament mission of this scope has ever been carried out in the midst of a war.

"We have no illusions on the challenges ahead," Ban said alongside Kaag. "The situation in Syria remains dangerous and unpredictable. The cooperation of all parties in Syria is required."

"I am deeply honored and I am mostly humbled to be trusted with this very complex

and challenging assignment," Kaag told reporters.

She said she would go to The Hague on Friday for meetings with OPCW leaders before heading to the new mission's base in Cyprus.

Ban also said he was increasing efforts at "all levels" to hold a Syria peace conference in Geneva in mid-November.

He said UN-Arab League Syria envoy Brahimi would go to the Middle East for talks with "key parties" and that UN political chief Jeffrey Feltman is in Moscow for talks.

Another envoy would go to Turkey to meet representatives of the divided opposition, he added.

Some Syrian opposition groups have said they will refuse to take part in a Syrian National Coalition delegation as long as President Bashar al-Assad stays in power.

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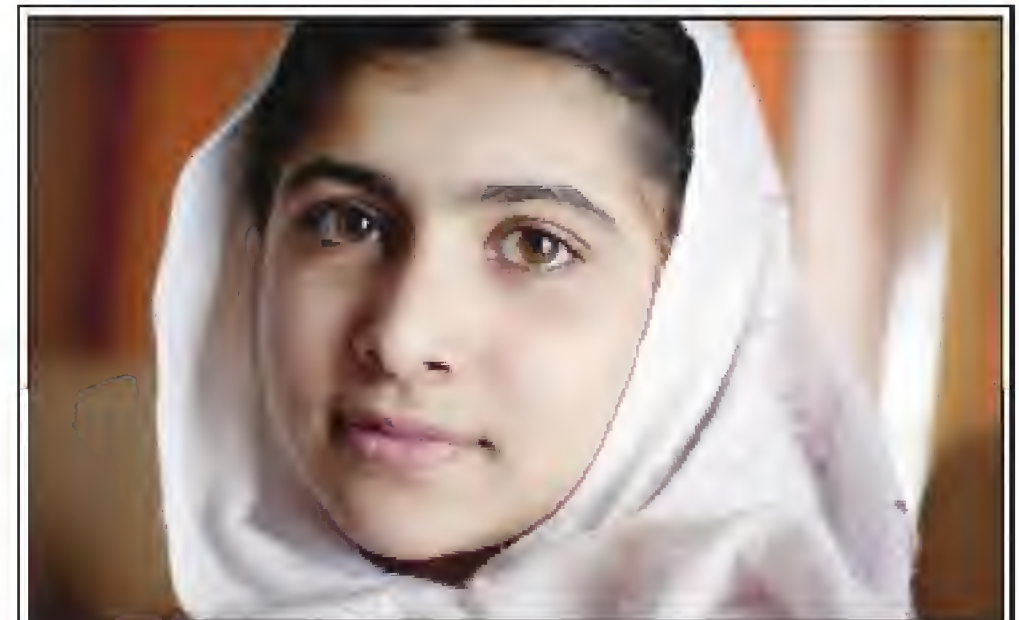
### Mexico finds missing plane, 14 aboard dead: official

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Authorities found on Wednesday a small plane that went missing in northwestern Mexico this week and all 14 people aboard are dead, the transport minister said.

"The Cessna Caravan ... with 13 passengers and a pilot was found. Unfortunately, no survivors," Transport Minister Gerardo Ruiz Esparza wrote on Twitter.

The transport ministry said a helicopter found the turbo-prop in the La Giganta mountains 14 nautical miles west of the Loreto airport from where it took off last Monday in the Baja California peninsula.

The aircraft had disappeared as tropical storm Octave neared the coast on Monday before weakening to a tropical depression and making landfall on Tuesday.



OTTAWA (AFP) - Malala Yousafzai, the 16-year-old shot by the Taliban for championing girls' rights to education, will be offered honorary Canadian citizenship, a government source said Wednesday. Malala will become just the sixth person to be granted honorary Canadian citizenship, following in the footsteps of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, Aung San Suu Kyi and the Aga Khan. Malala has written an autobiography, addressed the United Nations and set up a fund. Last week, she won the European Union's prestigious Sakharov human rights prize and was welcomed to the White House by US President Barack Obama. Canadian Governor General David Johnston, in his Throne Speech, is also expected to list the economy and trade, crime fighting and consumer rights as the government's main focus in the months ahead.

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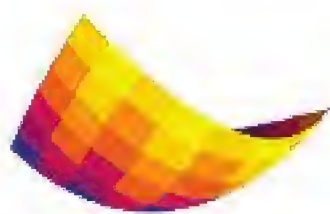


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## Sci-Tech Secure news tip system offered to media

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US press freedom group announced Tuesday it would be offering news organizations access to an open-source whistleblower submission system dubbed "SecureDrop."

The Freedom of the Press Foundation said it has taken charge of what was originally known as the DeadDrop project, developed by the late Internet activist Aaron Swartz.

The foundation will also provide on-site installation and technical support to news organizations wishing to run the system.

The new system adds to the Wikileaks-style system for anonymous submission of news tips and documents. The Wall Street Journal has its own system, and the New Yorker has an early version of DeadDrop.

The foundation said no security system can ever be 100 percent impenetrable, but this is "the strongest ever made available to media outlets" and "several major news agencies" have agreed to use it.

"We've reached a time in America when the only way the press can assure the anonymity and safety of their sources is not to know who they are," said JP Barlow, co-founder and board member of Freedom of the Press Foundation. "SecureDrop is where real news can be slipped quietly under the door."

The system was created by Swartz with investigative reporter Kevin Poulsen, using

the Python computer language. It accepts messages and documents from the Web and encrypts them for secure storage.

News sources are assigned a unique codename to estab-

lish a relationship with the news organization without having to reveal one's true identity or use email, which can be tracked by authorities.

The announcement comes days after a media watchdog

group issued a report saying the war on news leaks by President Barack Obama's administration is becoming a threat to press freedom and democracy.

Journalists, in a report based

on interviews with dozens of news professionals, said journalists had found news sources afraid to speak to them because of an unprecedented crackdown, in some cases using the 1917 Espionage Act.



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## ACROSS

1. Dismantle
5. FDR's pup
9. Switch positions
12. Bird sound
13. Sad news item, for short
14. Sticky mess
15. Clairvoyant person
16. Shown
18. Flying hero
20. Canvas holders
21. Song of praise
24. Concorde's inits.
25. Scrooge's cry

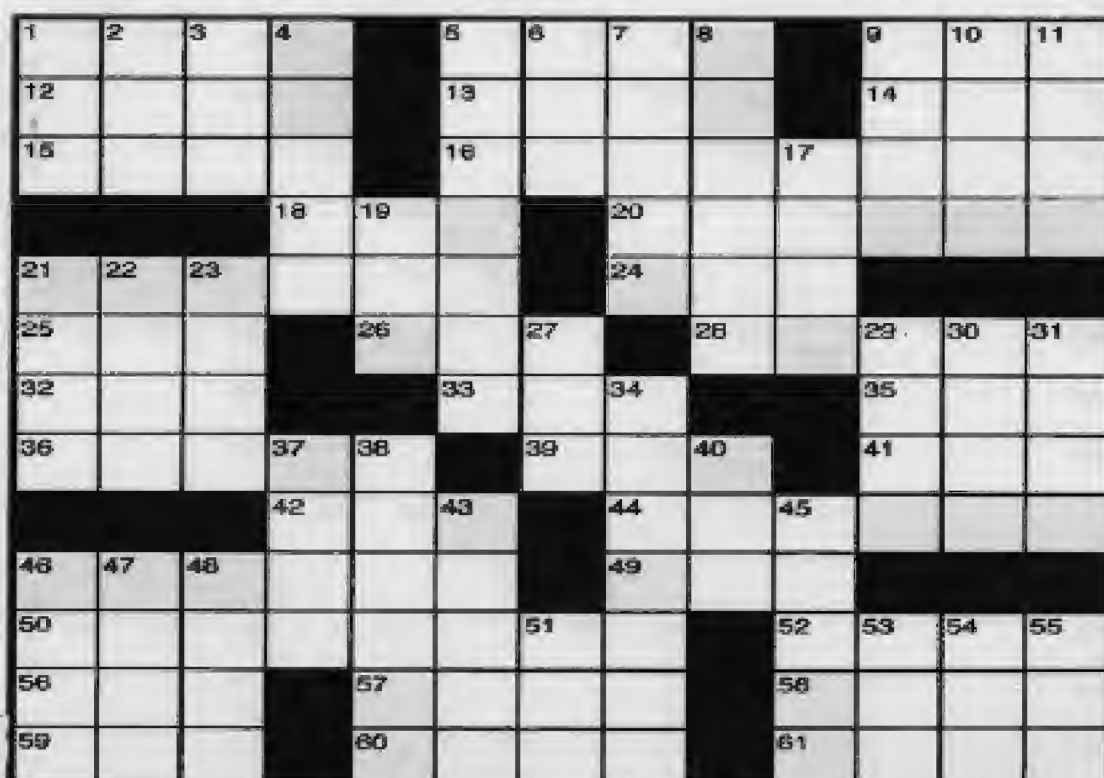
26. Writer Wallace
28. Titled Englishmen
32. Busy bee at tax time (abbr.)
33. Likewise not
35. "Yes" vote
36. Dungaree fabric
39. Korean car company
41. Ted Turner's channel, for short
42. In vogue
44. Customer, to a lawyer
46. Persian or Ottoman
49. That girl
50. Underwater cadge
52. Scratch's target

56. "See you later!"
57. Asian land
58. False
59. "Help!"
60. Brownstone's mail mouth
61. Vagabond

## DOWN

1. Elevator directions
2. Maiden name indicator
3. "Fiddle-de-\_\_\_!"
4. Humanitarian Winfrey
5. Factory bosses
6. Lincoln, for short
7. Biographies
8. Relaxed (2 wds.)

9. Amorous glance
10. Christmas song
11. Repairs lawns
17. Four-legged star of the '30s
19. Animation collectible
21. First four letters
22. Neck region
23. Comparative word
27. Stir-fry skillet
29. Runner's competition
30. Country singer Loretta
31. Emitted
34. Having the most money
37. "Baby, \_\_\_ Love" (2 wds.)
38. Ethics
40. Lager alternative
43. Transferable picture
45. From Limerick
46. Wanes
47. The \_\_\_ Clinic
48. Obama's title (abbr.)
51. Bathroom, to a Brit
53. Conjunction, for short
54. Bandleader Calloway
55. PPO alternative



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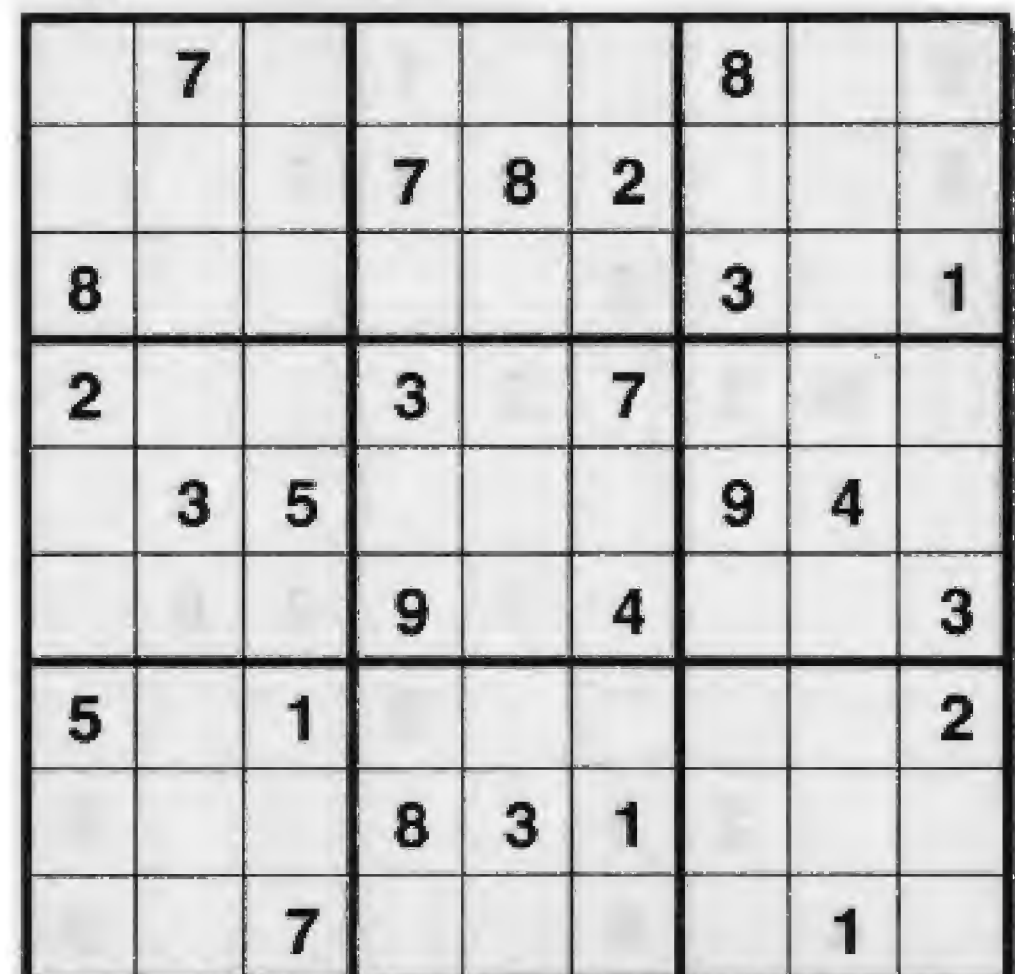
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SOLUTION

8	1	9	5	7	2	4	6	3
6	9	2	1	8	9	7	7	7
2	6	7	6	2	9	1	8	5
8	9	2	7	5	8	0	1	2
4	7	6	8	2	1	5	6	9
5	8	1	2	9	6	0	7	2
1	2	8	9	6	7	2	5	8
7	6	9	2	0	2	8	9	1
9	2	9	8	1	5	7	2	6

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



# FINANCE

## America Movil drops multi-billion-euro offer for Dutch KPN

THE HAGUE (AFP) - America Movil of Mexico, controlled by one of the world's richest men Carlos Slim, said yesterday it was dropping a multi-billion-euro bid for Netherlands telecoms operator KPN after a Dutch foundation blocked the takeover.

The announcement effectively brings to an end an attempt by the Latin American operator to establish a firm foothold in the European market.

"America Movil will not launch the intended offer," the company said in a statement.

The bombshell decision came after an independent foundation linked to KPN moved to block the deal in late August, by exercising a call option to acquire preferred shares.

The move by Foundation Preference Shares B KPN gave it just under 50 percent of voting rights and issued shares in the lumbering Dutch operator, enabling it to then block the deal.

America Movil had been planning to offer 2.40 euros (\$3.20) in a hostile bid to take

control of KPN, one of the largest fixed and mobile operators in the Netherlands and the third-largest in Germany and Belgium.

When it announced the bid in August, it valued the Dutch company at 10.2 billion euros (\$13.6 billion).

America Movil already has a 29.77-percent stake in KPN after launching a hostile partial take-over in the summer of 2012 and was looking to expand.

America Movil "has carefully reviewed the options available to it in relation to the exercise of the call option by the foundation," the Mexican company said.

It "now concludes, in view of the foundation's position and the discussions with KPN, that (the) aim to acquire more than 50 percent of the voting rights in KPN... will not be met by making the intended offer."

The foundation, at the time of its counter-move to block Slim's bid, accused America Movil of choosing "a one-sided action by a bid that has one condition: to take control of KPN."

It accused America Movil of not consulting properly and attempting to negotiate a merger protocol with KPN prior to making its bid, an accusation America Movil denies.

"Since the start of the process in early August, America Movil has had multiple conversations with the representatives of KPN's supervisory board of management with the objective of reaching an integral agreement" on how KPN would be managed.

But America Movil said it received no further comments on its proposals, saying KPN based any further talks on the condition that America Movil upped its offer.

KPN's spokesman Ward Snijders yesterday told AFP it would study the announcement before commenting.

"We have just learnt about it. It is an extensive statement," Snijders said.

Analysts had warned that the foundation's move could well result in America Movil walking away from the bid to look for better offers elsewhere in the European market.

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Britain	GBP	2.79	2.84	2.90
Switzerland	CHF	195.58	196.30	197.10
Netherlands	EUR	239.34	241.53	243.96
Sweden	SEK	26.43	27.15	27.95
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## EU revives airline carbon tax proposal

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union's executive branch yesterday proposed taxing airlines for emissions made while crossing European airspace, revising a controversial plan the EU had to back down from last year.

Under the new European Commission proposal, airlines using EU airspace could be subject to a tax for air-polluting carbon emissions on the portion of a flight that crosses the European Economic Area (EEA).

"The European Union has reduced greenhouse gas emissions considerably, and all the economic sectors are contributing to these efforts. The aviation sector also has to contribute, as aviation emissions are increasing fast -- doubling since 1990," said EU Climate Commissioner Connie Hedegaard in a statement.

The new proposal is an amended version of the EU's ill-fated CO2 Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) for inter-continental flights, which the EU suspended last year after a flurry of protests from emerging countries, airlines and aircraft builders that raised fears of a trade war.

Under the former scheme, flights through EU airspace, wherever they originated, were required to buy pollution credits to cover 15 percent of their CO2 emissions for the entire

flight, wherever it originated.

In the new proposal, the tax would apply only to the part of the flight crossing the EEA -- the 28 EU member states plus Norway and Iceland.

The announcement of the amended plan comes after the UN's International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) agreed earlier this month to regulate the industry's greenhouse gas emissions but gave itself until 2020 to work out the details.

The EU's new plan would apply from the beginning of 2014 until the ICAO regulations take effect, the European Commission said.

Flights to and from developing countries that generate less than one percent of global aviation emissions would receive a full exemption.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## WHouse says borrowing deadline is end of today

WASHINGTON (AFP) - With a end to the US debt ceiling crisis in sight, the White House said the deadline to renew US borrowing authority fell late today, leaving time for Congress to work its will.

US cable television stations and most news coverage has focused on a midnight deadline (0400 GMT Thursday) for the debt ceiling to be lifted in

the run up to what could have been a historic US default.

But White House spokesman Jay Carney said that the US government had borrowing authority right up until "the end of the day" today.

"Beyond that, if there's not a resolution to this and the debt ceiling isn't lifted, then we have a cash-on-hand situation when it comes to meeting our

obligations," Carney said.

Both chambers of Congress were expected to vote later on Wednesday on a deal brokered by Senate leaders to re-open the US government and extend America's borrowing authority until February 7 next year.

But given the often complicated and sluggish congressional procedures the timing could yet slip.

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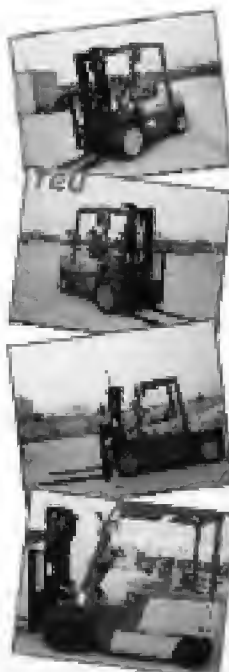
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**SAN PEDRO :** Paraguayans Martina Lopez (C-L) and Jose Manuel Riella (C-R) take part in the religious ceremony of their marriage in Santa Rosa del Aguaray, San Pedro department, Paraguay Tuesday. Lopez, 99, and Riella, 103, have lived together for 80 years, they have 8 children, 50 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

## Bolshoi dancer goes on trial over acid attack

MOSCOW (AFP) - A Bolshoi dancer accused of organising a horrific acid attack against the famed Moscow ballet company's artistic director went on trial Wednesday, with hearings expected to shed more light on infighting inside the troupe.

Soloist Pavel Dmitrichenko faces up to 12 years in prison after being charged with planning a January assault against his former boss Sergei Filin.

He is being held in detention along with Yuri Zarutsky -- accused of flinging a mix of sulfuric acid and urine in Filin's face -- and a driver who drove the assailant to the scene named Andrei Lipatov.

Filin's lawyer Tatyana Shukalova said her client and the Russian government would both seek damages from the accused.

The attack outside Filin's apartment block in Moscow virtually blinded the 42-year-old artistic director and former ballet star and left him with severe facial burns.

But it also laid bare the rifts and jealousies that run deep at one of the world's most prestigious artistic institutions -- one that has been Russia's calling card since the Bolshoi's formation in 1776.

Dmitrichenko is suspected of ordering an attack on Filin in an act of personal vengeance. He has admitted to being angry at the limited role played at the theatre by his then girlfriend and fellow dancer Angelina Vorontsova.

The 29-year-old Dmitrichenko has since been ousted by the company while Vorontsova has quit the Bolshoi and is now dancing with the Mikhailovsky ballet in Saint Petersburg to considerable acclaim.

The trial is largely expected to expose the inner workings of the Bolshoi at a time of great upheaval at the venerable company.

The Bolshoi over the summer fired its general director Anatoly Iksanov and replaced him with Vladimir Uin of the Moscow Stanislavsky Theatre.

It also parted ways with flamboyant star dancer Nikolai Tsiskaridze after he waged a bruising war of words with both Filin and Iksanov.

Filin has been temporarily replaced as the Bolshoi's artistic director by veteran dancer Galina Stepanenko but still retains huge sway over the company.

## 2,500 Niger children die of malnutrition in 2013: UN



ABIDJAN (AFP) - More than 2,500 children under five have died of malnutrition in Niger this year, the UN Children Fund said Wednesday.

The child mortality rate has declined over recent years but

still stands at one percent and UNICEF said the impoverished west African was one of the world most aid-reliant countries.

"Without international aid in Niger, we would see children

dying by their tens of thousands" each year, Guido Cornale, the UNICEF representative in Niger, told AFP by phone.

Niger, which has been hit by several famines in recent years and ranked last on the UN's Human Development Index in 2012, has received close to \$900 million since 2010 to combat food crises.

"It is undeniable that the government is trying to combat malnutrition... But the level of... dependence is alarming," an expert said on condition of anonymity.

The food problem in Niger is compounded by its location between the desert and several strife-torn countries, and the world's highest fertility rate which means its population doubles every 18 years.

## China's rich get richer despite slowing economy: Forbes

SHANGHAI (AFP) - China's 400 richest people became \$150 billion wealthier this year, Forbes magazine said Wednesday, despite a slowdown in the world's second largest economy.

The vast increase -- an average of almost \$400 million each -- highlights the growing inequality between the Communist country's super-rich and the millions who still live in poverty.

"The rich are getting richer," Forbes Shanghai bureau chief Russell Flannery told a press conference as the magazine unveiled its annual China rich list.

"The rapid growth of wealth in China seems to be out of line with the Chinese economic slowdown," he said.

The net assets of the top 100 richest people in China soared 44 percent from a year earlier to \$316 billion, the magazine said, while the number of dollar billionaires rose to a record high of 168.

That came even as China's economy has slowed. The Chinese economy expanded 7.7 percent last year, the worst performance since 1999.

Forbes attributed the increase in wealth to growth in select industries, such as the Internet, auto, entertainment and property sectors.

Wang Jianlin, head of property giant Wanda Group and buyer of US cinema chain AMC Entertainment, topped the list with a net worth of \$14.1 billion.

His fortune leaped from \$8 billion last year, helped by a rebound in property prices and his investment in AMC.

Forbes had already announced last month that Wang had taken the top spot. Another ranking by the independent Hurun Report also put him at number one.

Last year's leader, beverage tycoon Zong Qinghou, slipped to second place in the Forbes list, even though his wealth increased 12 percent to \$11.2 billion.

Robin Li, founder of China's homegrown search engine Baidu, dropped to third but his wealth jumped 37 percent from last year to \$11.1 billion.

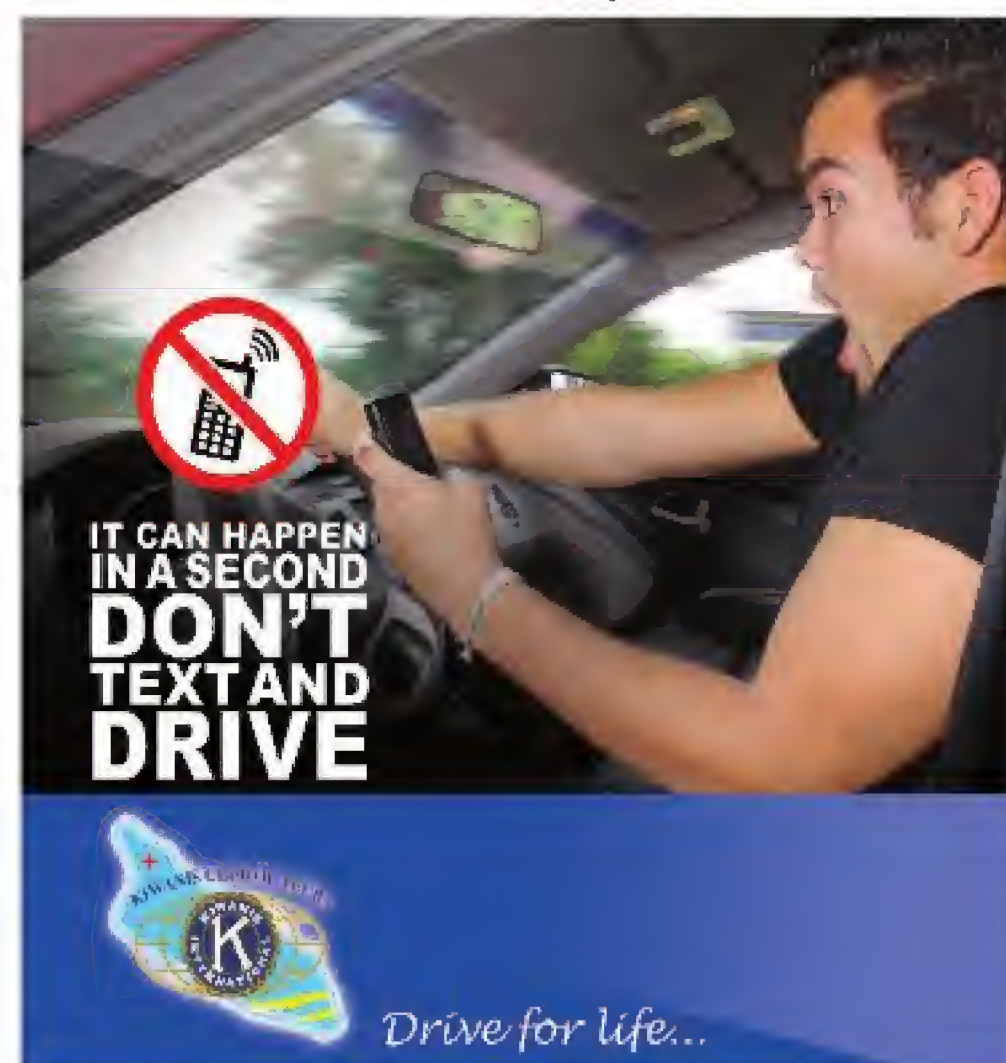
In a surprise new entry to the ranking Li Hejun, chairman of clean energy firm Hanergy Holding Group, appeared for the first time in fourth place with a net worth of \$10.9 billion.

Yang Huiyan, who inherited a majority stake in property developer Country Garden, was China's richest woman with a fortune of \$7.2 billion giving her seventh place.

As well as Robin Li, two other Internet billionaires made the top ten.

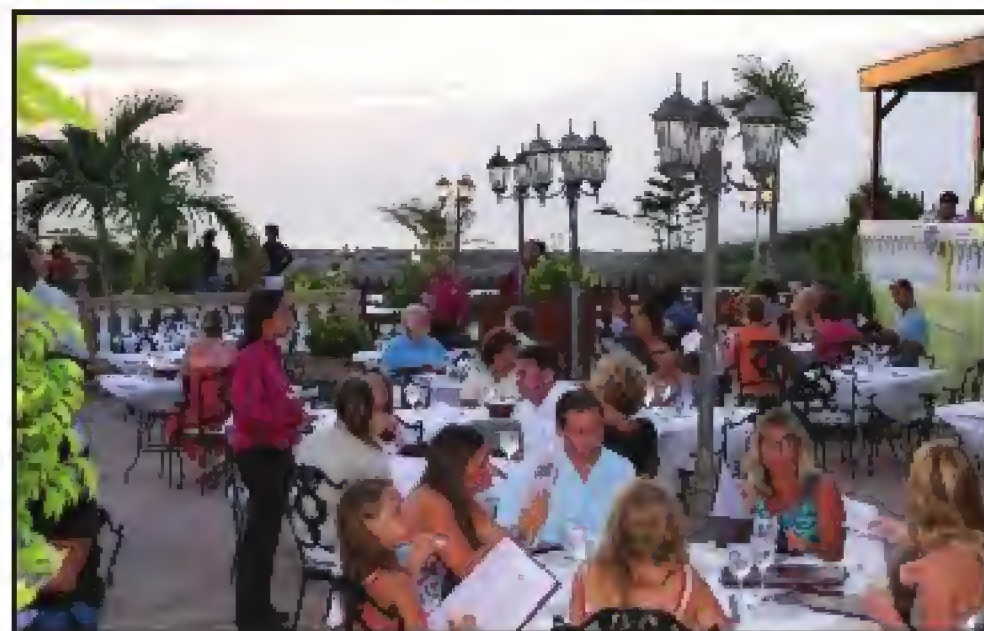
Ma Huateng, owner of social gaming and networking company Tencent, took fifth place with net worth of \$10.2 billion, jumping nearly 60 percent year-on-year due to a surge in his Hong Kong-listed firm's share price.

And Jack Ma, founder of China's leading e-commerce firm Alibaba, ranked eighth as his fortune more than doubled to \$7.1 billion from \$3.4 billion last year.





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**CATALINA ISLAND (AFP)** - This handout photo received yesterday courtesy of Catalina Island Marine Institute shows a crew of sailing school vessel Tole Mour and Catalina Island Marine Institute instructors as they hold an 18-foot-long oarfish that was found in the waters of Toyon Bay on Santa Catalina Island, California. Jeff Chace, program director at Catalina Island Marine Institute, said it took about 15 people to lug the serpent-like "leviathan" onto shore after a snorkeler spotted the carcass in about 20 feet of water. Oarfish are found in all temperate to tropical waters, but are rarely seen, dead or alive.

## Pele launches his book "1283"



**SAO PAULO (AFP)** - Brazilian former football player Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known as Pele, speaks during a press conference regarding the launching of his book "1283" (number which represents the goals he scored in his career), at the Museum of Image and Sound (MIS), in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Wednesday.



## SPORTS

## White Sharks baptizes new uniform

-- Last Sunday was a grand day for the White Sharks Baseball Academy! In the presence of players, parents and supporters, the 7-8 category team of the White Sharks Baseball Academy joined at the home of Mr. Ro and Maria Angela to baptize their brand new uniform. The Rookies team AA (ages 7/8) were sponsored by the Cura Cabay Lottery, making their official name: White Sharks Cura Caba Lottery.

The baptism was performed by Ro and Maria Angela, proprietors of Cura Cabay Lottery. The afternoon was very delightful with family and friends. Special praise went to their coaches who dedicate time to guide the children. Without the dedication and perseverance of their coaches they could not achieve their goals and have such a complete team.

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## Football: Bale set for return after training with Real

MADRID (AFP) - Wales winger Gareth Bale looks on course to return to the Real Madrid side for their La Liga

clash with Malaga on Saturday after he trained with the squad on Wednesday, the club announced.

The 24-year-old -- who cost the Spanish giants 91million euros (\$123million) when he moved from English Premier League outfit Spurs in August -- has started just one game since he joined the club owing to a series of niggling injuries, the latter one a thigh problem.

Such has been the fevered speculation about his lack of fitness that club president Florentino Perez was moved to deny publicly on Monday that the Welsh star had suffered a herniated disc.

Real, whose most expensive purchase remains Cristiano Ronaldo from Manchester United for 94million euros in 2009, said Bale had focussed on touching the ball and movement.

Real Madrid are presently third in La Liga, five points behind bitter rivals Barcelona and city neighbours Atletico Madrid after eight matches.

## MLB playoff schedule

### American League

#### Boston Red Sox v Detroit

Sat. Oct. 12 - Detroit at Boston  
Detroit 1, Boston 0 -(Detroit leads 1-0)  
Sun. Oct. 13 - Detroit at Boston  
Boston 6, Detroit 5 -(Series tied 1-1)  
Tue. Oct. 15 - Boston at Detroit  
Boston 1, Detroit 0 (Boston lead 2-1)  
Wed. Oct. 16 - Boston at Detroit  
Thu. Oct. 17 - Boston at Detroit  
Sat. Oct. 19 - Detroit at Boston  
Sun. Oct. 20 - Detroit at Boston

### National League

#### Los Angeles Dodgers v St. Louis Cardinals

Fri. Oct. 11 - Los Angeles at St. Louis  
St. Louis 3, Los Angeles 2 (St. L leads 1-0)  
Sat. Oct. 12 - Los Angeles at St. Louis  
St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 0- (St. L leads 2-0)  
Mon. Oct. 14 - St. Louis at Los Angeles  
St. Louis 0, Los Angeles 3- (St. L leads 2-1)  
Tue. Oct. 15 - St. Louis at Los Angeles  
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 2- (St. L leads 3-1)  
Wed. Oct. 16 - St. Louis at Los Angeles  
Fri. Oct. 18 - Los Angeles at St. Louis  
Sat. Oct. 19 - Los Angeles at St. Louis



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PARIS (AFP) - Teams qualified for the 2014 World Cup so far - 32 places to be filled - Draw is on December 6:

### EUROPE

Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, England, Russia, Bosnia

(Four places remain to be decided in playoffs between Portugal, Croatia, Ukraine, Greece, France, Sweden, Romania and Iceland. Draw to be made on October 21)

### ASIA

Japan, Australia, Iran, South Korea  
(Jordan will take on Uruguay in a playoff in November)

### SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil (hosts), Argentina, Colombia, Chile and Ecuador  
(Uruguay will play Jordan in a playoff in November)

### CONCACAF

United States, Costa Rica, Honduras  
(Mexico will take on New Zealand in a playoff in November)

### AFRICA

(Five teams to qualify in playoffs)


First leg results  
Ghana 6 Egypt 1  
Ethiopia 1 Nigeria 2  
Tunisia 0 Cameroon 0  
Burkina Faso 3 Algeria 2  
Ivory Coast 3 Senegal 1  
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## MLB: Cardinals defeat Dodgers for 3-1 lead

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Matt Holliday blasted a 426-foot homer and Shane Robinson hit a pinch-hit solo shot as the St. Louis Cardinals beat Los Angeles 4-2 Tuesday in game four of the NLCS.

Holliday's monster shot into left field in the third inning was the first home run of the series for the Cardinals who now lead 3-1 as they try to reach their second World Series in three years.

"I got it good," Holliday said. "Have I hit further ones? Maybe, but not in that kind of situation."

Holliday's homer scored Matt Carpenter to make it 3-0 in front of a crowd of 53,992 at Dodger Stadium. It followed Carpenter's double earlier in



the inning that plated Daniel Descalso to open the scoring.

St. Louis picked an opportunity time to break out of their home run slump as they batted an anemic .134 through the first three games of the series.

Holliday was two-for-four with two RBIs for the Cardinals, who finished with six hits in the contest.

The winner of this series will play the winner of the other Major League Baseball semi-final, between Boston and Detroit. Boston edged the Tigers 1-0 earlier Tuesday to take a 2-1 series lead.

The Dodgers have dug themselves into a huge hole as they have faced a 1-3 deficit just twice before in the NLCS and lost both times in 2003 and 2009.

"We don't have time to feel sorry for ourselves," said Dodgers manager Don Mattingly.

Yasiel Puig got the Dodgers on the board with an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth off Cardinals starting pitcher Lance Lynn.

Later in the Dodgers' half of the fourth, Mark Ellis singled to center field to score Andre Ethier and cut the Cardinals lead to 3-2.

Cuban rookie Puig clubbed his single up the middle after

being brushed back by a Lynn pitch during the same at bat.

The brush back that sent Puig tumbling to the dirt was in retaliation for Puig's over-the-top celebration after hitting a triple the night before against St. Louis.

This time there was no celebration as Puig stopped at first base. Puig was terrific on Tuesday as he finished two-for-three at the plate with one RBI and one walk.

Lynn threw five innings and allowed two runs on six hits and three walks with five strikeouts for the Cardinals. Closer Trevor Rosenthal struck out Dodgers third baseman Juan Uribe for the final out of the contest.

Dodgers starter Ricky Nolasco took the loss as he allowed three runs on three hits in just over four innings in his career playoff debut.

Carlos Martinez highlighted his two innings of relief by picking off Dodgers Nick Punto at second in the seventh inning.

Punto inched too far off the bag and then didn't recover in time for Martinez's whirling pickoff.

Zack Greinke is slated to start for Los Angeles in game five, while the Cardinals turn to Joe Kelly for a game one rematch that lasted 13 innings.

## Golf: Late eagle lifts Scott to Grand Slam of Golf victory



SOUTHAMPTON (AFP) - Australia's Masters champion Adam Scott eagled the par-five 17th on Wednesday as he rallied for a two-shot win over US Open winner Justin Rose in the Grand Slam of Golf.

Scott had five birdies without a bogey in a seven-under par 64 at Port Royal Golf Course, erasing a three-stroke overnight deficit in the four-man unofficial event.

He had a winning 36-hole total of eight-under 134.

"I'm thrilled to come out on top," Scott said. "Fun, but a trying couple of days here really, especially today. It felt like a long round out there but I was happy with the score."

Overnight leader Rose of England stretched his lead to

four shots through seven holes on Wednesday.

But two bogeys opened the door for Scott and Rose finished with a 69 that left him second at six-under.

PGA Champion Jason Dufner carded a 70 and placed third at three-under.

Defending champion Padraig Harrington closed with a 71 to finish last on three-over 145.

Harrington replaced Phil Mickelson in the field after the British Open champion withdrew.

The event is designed to pit the year's three major champions against each other.

Scott, Rose and Dufner were all first-time major champions in 2013.

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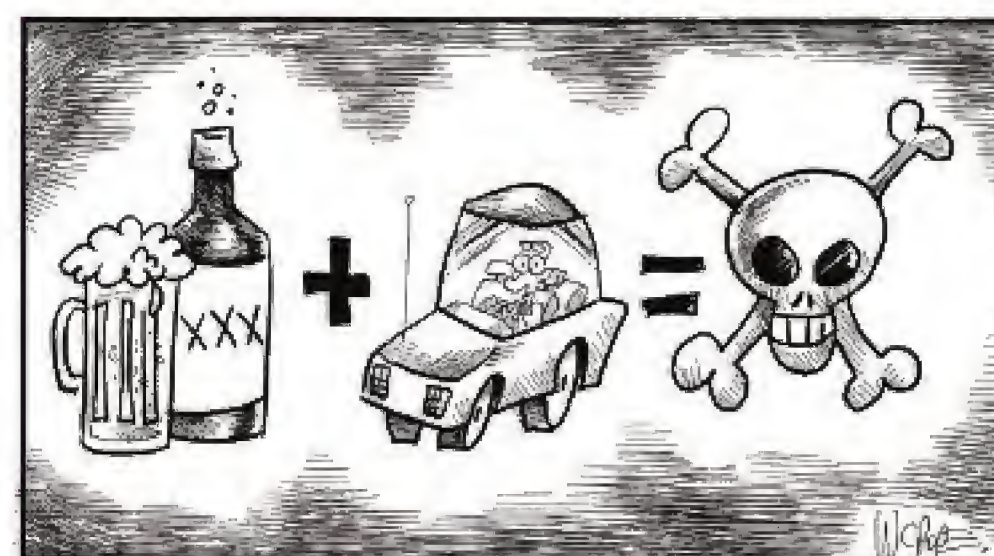
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## Football: Mexico says 'gracias' US for World Cup save

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexicans never imagined being in this position: Having to shamefully say "gracias" to bitter rivals the United States for helping their football team stay in contention for next year's World Cup.

Losing 2-1 to Costa Rica on Tuesday, Mexico were flirting with disaster until Uncle Sam, who had already qualified, rode to the rescue by scoring two stoppage time goals to defeat Panama 3-2.

The US victory torpedoed Panama's dream of qualifying for the World Cup for the first time while helping Mexico finish fourth in the CONCACAF regional group and secure a two-leg playoff against Oceania champions New Zealand next month.

More than a year after Mexico celebrated winning the gold medal at the London Olympics, Mexican media berated "El Tri" while running headlines in English to express gratitude to adversaries they regularly disparage as "gringos."

"Gracias Uncle Sam," "Thank you, USA!" and "God bless America" were some of the front-page news hours after the federation US Soccer had cheekily tweeted "#YoureWelcomeMexico."

The sports daily Record published a photo montage of Manchester United forward Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez holding a US flag, with the purposely misspelled headline "WE LOVE YOU! 'AMIGOUS'".

The Cancha sports pages said Mexico's qualifying campaign had been "one of the most shameful performances in its history" after the "broken" team played with "no courage."

But Mexico manager Victor Manuel Vucetich, brought in last month to save the team, insisted he did not have to "send any message" to US counterpart Jurgen Klinsmann, though he praised US "football ethics and professionalism."

Missing out on the World Cup in Brazil next year would be emotional and financial torment for Mexico.

The sports marketing firm Dreamatch Solutions estimates that broadcasters, sponsors and other businesses stand to lose \$600 million if Mexico fail to qualify.

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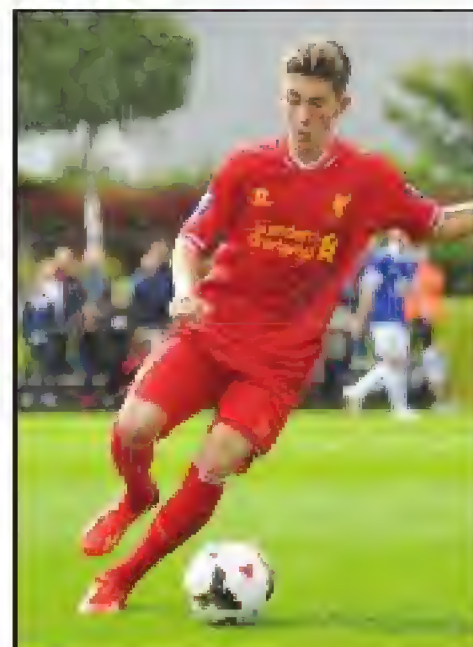
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## Football: Welsh record-breaker nets grandad £125,000

LONDON (AFP) - Welsh teenager Harry Wilson has become the youngest player ever to play for his country -- earning his grandfather a small fortune in the process.

Liverpool winger Wilson broke a record previously held by Real Madrid superstar Gareth Bale when he played in Tuesday's 1-1 draw away to Belgium at the age of 16 years and 207 days.

It was a cause for double



celebration for his grandfather, Pete Edwards, who had placed a £50 (\$80, 59 euros) bet that Wilson would one day play for Wales at odds of 2,500/1 in 2000, when his grandson was only two years old.

Wilson's appearance as an 87th-minute substitute in the World Cup qualifier at Brussels' King Baudouin Stadium meant that bookmakers William Hill had to cough up £125,000.

"Mr Edwards has been able to quit his job as a result of his amazing ability to spot fledgling talent earlier than almost anyone else we've ever taken a bet from," said a William Hill spokesman.

"Apparently, England have also been interested in Harry, who has a grandmother born in Chester. If (England manager) Roy Hodgson had snapped him up, this bet would have been a loser!"